

# THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



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### **Councilmember Atkins City Council Fund Azalea Park Tot Lot Upgrade**

**SAN DIEGO**—On the funding recommendation of Third District City Councilmember Toni Atkins, the City Council today approved the expenditure of \$200,000 to upgrade the Azalea Park tot lot at the Azalea Recreation Center in City Heights. The funds are a combination of Park Bond Per Capita Funds (\$120,000) generated from the Proposition 12 park bond moneys approved by California voters in 2000, and the Mid-City Park Development Fund (\$80,000) which Councilmember Atkins earmarked for this purpose. "Upgrading our community tot lots to comply with state and federal safety guidelines is a top priority for our older neighborhoods," said Councilmember Atkins. "I'll continue to fight for funding to upgrade all of our tot lots in Council District Three."

Similar upgrades were made last year to the tot lot at Morley Field just off Upas Street in North Park.

By California law, all public play areas must conform to the Consumer Product Safety Commission and American Society of Testing Materials guidelines. Additionally, play areas need to be brought into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. The proposed upgrades will include improvements which comply with these state and federal safety and accessibility regulations.

"While we're always looking to expand our park space, we still need to make sure that what we currently have in the way of playground equipment is safe, accessible to all children regardless of physical capability, and up to current standards," Atkins said. "These funds will help us achieve this level of safety at another widely used community park in Mid-City."

The Azalea Park tot lot upgrade comes on the heels of two recent park openings in Mid-City--Park de la Cruz at 39th Street in Cherokee Point and the unique cut-and-cover Teralta Park which sits atop the I-15 tunnel on 40th Street.

"I'm more than pleased to see new and improved park space in City Heights," said Atkins. "This commitment to our parks is a perfect complement to the redevelopment efforts that have brought new businesses, housing, educational, police and cultural facilities into this revitalized community."

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